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ELK MEAT STILL AVAILABLE FROM FEDERAL REFUGE

Elk meat from surplus animals at the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge in southwestern Oklahoma is being sold on a first-come, firstserved basis, the Department of the Interior announced today.

Sales of surplus big game animals are conducted annually on three Federal refuges to prevent herds from exceeding the capacity of the ranges. Completion of sales at Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge in Nebraska and at the National Bison Range in Montana was announced by the Department's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, which administers the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Although sales at the Wichita Mountains Refuge were about the same as last year, an additional 70 elk remain to be sold because of a greater surplus on the refuge this year.

Dressed meat prices range from \$130 to \$165 for a whole animal, varying with the extent of processing. A half carcass is the minimum quantity that can be purchased, the Bureau said.

Interested persons were urged by the Bureau to submit their orders soon to the Refuge Manager, Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, Cache, Okla. Official price lists and conditions of sale can be obtained from the refuge or from the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C. 20240.

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